

Wind River NPDES

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Hello Elizabeth,

I'm responding to your request to Richard Mylott from yesterday for status/follow up on the Wind River NPDES permit issue.

We are coordinating closely with the Tribes to ensure discharge permits are technically sound and include conditions necessary to protect surface water uses in the area, including those for wildlife, livestock and other agricultural uses. Tribal elections were recently held on the Reservation and the leadership councils for both the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes are now in place.

We continue to move forward in evaluating several discharge permits on the Reservation and have been in contact with the Tribes to schedule a meeting on next steps as soon as feasible. Any renewed permits, including conditions necessary to protect surface water uses, will be released as draft and will be subject to public review and comment prior to becoming effective.

Regarding the Tribes' water quality standards - EPA implements the NPDES program on the Reservation, and as part of that we take the tribally adopted water quality standards into consideration when developing NPDES permits.

Please let me know if you have anymore questions.

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